

The Episcopal Diocese of Rochester
Standing Committee Meeting
via Zoom video conference
26 August 20

Present: The Right Rev. Prince Singh, the Revs. Robert Picken (president), Cameron Miller, the Very Revs. Leslie Burkardt, Ken Pepin; Joseph Daboll-LaVoie, Michael Davis, Carolyn Mok, Susan Woodhouse.

Guests: Todd Rubiano, CFO; Phillip Fileri, Chancellor; the Very Rev. Billy Daniel, Marylou Boynton, Diane Hamilton, Andrea Sawyer from St. Michael's, Geneseo.

The meeting was **called to order** at 4:05 pm.

Opening Prayer was offered by Susan Woodhouse.

The **consent agenda** was approved. Moved Michael/ seconded Cam.

The **minutes** of the June 24 meeting were approved. Moved, Michael/ seconded Cam.

Regathering.

Prince said regathering has gone well. They have been diverse (outdoors, indoors, live streaming). He repeated that Communion should only consist of bread at this time (there has been interest in using individualized, grape juice cups). There are many people who are very interested in the technology of broadcasting services and would offer their services in providing them. Susan asked if there will be a list of contacts of these specialists; Prince stated that this will be available at the diocesan website (under Covid 19 resources tab).

St. Michael's, Geneseo.

Billy, Marylou, Diane and Andrea presented their plan to acquire a building and land on 11 Ward St to use as rental property. They see a need for housing for Geneseo College students or visitors. They already have the experience of owning Bennett House and renting it to students. They have worked with the previous landlord, who will sell them the property at a friendly rate; and are planning on having professional management to run the house.

The monies that would come from the rentals would enable more mission work for the parish, and would fit in with the parish's strategic plan.

The leadership would like to get a \$70,000 mortgage, in addition to a \$45,000 pledge and using \$65,000 from sale of other properties. They think the mortgage would inspire people to give for a capital campaign,, and they should be able to pay it quickly. They would prefer not to draw down on their endowment fund.

Todd reminded the delegation that the parish has a Sibley loan, which may be in jeopardy as there is no collateral for that loan.

Phil stated getting an encumbrance requires Standing Committee approval.

It was **moved** that the Standing Committee would authorize St. Michael's getting a mortgage of up to \$70,000 to acquire 11 Ward Place, contingent on the parish reviewing this with the diocesan CFO, Chancellor and the trustees. Moved, Cam,/seconded Susan. The motion passed with 1 abstention.

Executive session. The committee met with Phil in executive session.

Bishop's report.

Province II synod will meet on line, having amended their canons.

The Rev. Susan Kohlmeier has retired and left Zion, Avon. The search process has begun.

Incarnation has called the Rev. Mitch Bojarski as rector. He and his family will start on Oct. 1.

Leslie led the **closing prayer**.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 5:59 pm. Moved Cam/seconded Susan.

Next meeting will be via Zoom on Sept 23 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Mok, secretary.